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WHOO! UP!
Well, by gum! Nearly a half
hundred subscriptions received
since last issue. Who said the
people of Scott county didn't
want any more "Hafnerism"? It
must have been a Ruckert who
dreamed such a strange dream.
Eighteen subscriptions were re-
ceived Monday!

People are going "hog wild"
over the Kicker. Children cry
for it, and the women—well, God
bless 'em they just won't do with-
out it—and pip has to "come
across" whether he wants to or
not.

The hustlers have not been con-
spicuously active, but the people
either come to the office or send
the mail. Charley Oliver, of Hooe
performed his usual stunt of get-
ting what he goes after and
heads the list with 7. Sol Die-
bold of New Hamburg, Thos. J.
Chewning, of Sandywoods, and J.
B. Finley of Oran, got in with
two each, and John T. Marrs, of
Blodgett, and E. M. Daugherty,
Commerce, and E. L. Grammer,
Illmo, one each.

Let us sizzle! This, of course,
was an exceptional week. Mon-
day probate and county court
met here and brought a great
many people to town. And when
people get where they can buy
the Kicker they buy it. They want
the truth.

Benton—John Ervin, D. Simp-
son, A. G. Wood, Thos. J. Chewning,
J. E. Morrow, Sam Worley,
Andy Robert.

Morley—W. E. Watson, T. L.
Anderson, R. W. Modlin, Mrs.
Mayme Carter, Mrs. Chas. Miller.
Oran—Joe Mezz, A. T. Wood-
ruff, Andy Clubb, J. H. McLean,
John Painter, Otto Davenport, E.
J. Stubenrauch, Theo. Strabber,
Wm. Penny, Mike Brucker, Phillip
Schitter, Felix Thoma, W. P.
Glascock, R. P. Harris.

Illmo—Sam Wray.
Fornfelt—John Etter.
Commerce—Theophil Scherer,
Jacob Diebold, August Ledure.

New Hamburg—A. H. Schoen,
Blodgett—Beedy Wyatt, John
T. Marrs, W. A. Scarborough.

Rockview—Frank Felder.
Bleda—Wm. D. Halter.
Perkins—John Steel.

Frank Martin, Kewanee, C. H.
Jones, Gorderville; Charles Mar-
tin, Charleston; Geo. J. Bomer,
Clarkton; Wm. Lancaster, Arden-
la; Sam Murphy, Chillicothe; Ru-
fus Noble, Blackwell, Texas; Jas.
Chewning, Jackson Barracks, La.
day, Feb. 14, 1912. Important
John Kippel and Miss Martha

SOCIALISTS TO MEET.
A special meeting of the coun-
ty organization of the Socialists
is hereby called for Morley Sat-
urday, Feb. 24, 1912. Important
that all Socialists of the county
be present, and especially im-
portant that each precinct be
represented. J. W. JACOB, Secy.
EARLIE SLINKARD, Secy.

BUSINESS LOCAL.
We want your fat cattle and
hogs and will pay the highest
price. During the week we will
supply you with fresh and salt fish,
oysters and vegetables. Halter
Bros. Oran Mo. 12-21.

Full Blood Banded Pigeons,
Rock Cocks, for sale. Mrs.
Chas. Miller, Morley, Mo. 12-21.
For Sale—Four Poland-China
male pigs—four girls. Weight
100 pounds. W. A. Lee, Oran,
Mo. 10-41.

Strayed—A red cow, marked
split and underbit in right ear
and has been branded. Also a
red heifer, about 18 months old
in same mark, with small horns.
Joel Hopper, Benton, Mo.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.
Edward Williams, Oran.
Miss Ruby Smith, Oran.
Leonard Mezo, Sand Ridge, Ill.
Miss Ruth Taylor, Oran.
Henry Utzinger, Vanduser.
Miss Eva Woodward, Vanduser.
Chas. Laird, Metropolis, Ill.
Miss Cora J. Fisher, Oran.
John Bischoff, New Hamburg.
Miss Mary Schlosser, Oran.
Wm. E. Hollingsworth, Sikeston.
Miss Earl E. Green, Sikeston.
Albert Lewis, Chaffee.
Miss Clara DeGroot, Chaffee.
T. L. Klutty, Fornfelt.
Miss Daisy Smyth, Fornfelt.
Chas. Smith, Commerce.
Bertha Mayfield, Commerce.
J. A. Kneppel, Lutesville.
Miss Martha Essner, Benton.

FROM BLODGETT.
Oscar Collier went to Partage-
ville Thursday and Mrs. J. D.
Smith of that place is visiting
here.

Mrs. Dell Sweeney was called
to Charleston Sunday on account
of the illness of Clarence Williams.
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Spencer were
called to Lutesville—his father
having been bitten by a mad dog.
Mrs. J. D. Cavanah was called
to Lutesville to see her father,
who is very sick.

Barney Wagner of Oran was
here Saturday and bought eight
head of mules.

Louis Watkins of near Sikeston
visited at J. D. Peal's Sunday.
Mrs. T. B. Dodge of Charleston
is visiting her son, Richard.

Sam Wallace of Arkansas is
visiting W. T. Bradley.

Wm. Channing was up from
Charleston Sunday.

Will Kirkpatrick of Diahstadt
was here Friday.

Luther Ferrell's little girl has
small pox.

Mitchell Reams of West Plains
is here.

HERE AND YONDER.
G. W. Minter, of near Cross
Plains, and his son-in-law, Wil-
burn Bolen, who came here last
week with his wife from Karnick,
Ill., to locate in Missouri, were
in Benton Friday. Mr. Minter
reported that Charles Kneezel
had sold out to Daws Ellis. Mr.
Kneezel and Mr. Bolen went to
Stoddard county Saturday to
seek a location.

George Willard, a foreman for
the Johnston Land Co., lost his
life by the explosion of dynamite
caps that he had in his pocket.
In helping about a wagon he
pressed the caps against the wa-
gon. The explosion followed and
a leg was blown off just below
the hips. He lived about an hour.
Mr. Willard lived at Cary and
leaves a widow and four children.

Owing to the absence of Judge
Kingsbury because of ill health,
J. A. Finch, of Fornfelt, has been
holding court this week. Gov.
Hadley appointed Mr. Finch tem-
porarily. This is the first Re-
publican to sit on the probate
bench in Scott county since about
1872. Mr. Finch should consider
this quite a distinction.

Thos. J. Chewning, of Sandy-
woods, lost a fine 8-year-old fil-
ley last week from the disease
called blind staggers. He lost a
fine mare the same way last
year. Many farmers have had
similar experiences—Lawrence
Gangle, Wm. Trinen and others.

Joe Folk "took out" in the race
for the Democratic nomination
for the presidency. Seeing that
the cards were "stacked" on him
he withdrew Saturday. This gives
Clara a clear field in Missouri.
Zollie Glenn, formerly of Oran
but now of St. Louis was here
Tuesday. Zollie passed the ex-
amination before the state board
of pharmacy and now has a good
position in St. Louis.

Aug. Ledure, of Commerce town-
ship dropped into the Kicker of-
fice to make a confession. "I
quit the Kicker," he said, "and
thought I'd get along without it,
but I lost clear out."

Over the State we have Folk
Democrats and Clark Democrats.
But in Scott county I presume
the proper designation for some
of the leaders would be Rucker
Democrats.

Adam Essner was in Saturday
and said the pea huller was mak-
ing its last stand at E. E. Smith's,
east of town. Mr. Smith had 65
acres to thresh.

Phillip Schitter and son Otto,
Theophil Scherer, Sol Diebold and
Martin Glasterter, of New Ham-
burg parish were in Benton Mon-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnes, Her-
man Husbach, Henry Held, C.
Bell, Jas. Rose, of near Illmo, had
business in probate court Tues-
day.

T. A. Matthews of Macedonia
was here Tuesday and reported
the prospects for wheat in the
hill not at all encouraging.

Frank Taylor was here Monday
and reported that he had left
Crowder and was now a citizen
of Kewanee.

Andrew Amrhein of Oran and
A. H. Schoen of New Hamburg
were Kicker callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver of
Hooe district had business in pro-
bate court Monday.

Beedy Wyatt and John T.
Marrs, of Blodgett, were in Ben-
ton Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Miller of near Mor-
ley was a Benton visitor Wed-
nesday.

A. G. Wood, who lives south of
town, was a Kicker caller Sat-
urday.

J. F. Grant and J. H. Brannan
of Vanduser were here Saturday.
Mrs. Frank Caraker died at her
home near Cross Plains last week.

R. P. Harris and Will Halter, of
Oran were here Monday.

Miss Ollie Diebold of New Ham-
burg was here Tuesday.

FROM CHEWNING'S CHAPEL.
James Smith, Jack Pillard and
Warren Henry assisted Joel Hopper
in butchering last week.

Byrd and Luther Turner and
Jerry Wallace took a load of
hay there Wednesday.

Byrd Turner, a daughter,
Minnie and Lilian, spent Wednes-
day night near Hickory Grove
while Mrs. Turner visited Mrs.
Lee Morrow at Unity.

The families of Wm. Harrison
and Luther Turner attended the
dance given at Felix Scherer's
Thursday night.

Theo. Hopper and family of
Hickory Grove spent Sunday at
Luther Turner's.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
Chas. Simmons last week.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.
Miss Mary Finley was at home
Saturday and Sunday.

Harley Finley and wife visited
J. C. Foster Monday.

The cold weather is damaging
wheat.

J. C. Foster returned home last
week.

PUBLIC SALE.
Saturday, Feb. 17, 1912. I will
sell at Vanduser, Mo., an 8-year-
old mare 16 1-2 hands high; a 7-
year-old mare 15 1-2 hands high
with foal; a 6-year-old mare 15
1-2 hands high with foal; a 10-
year-old mare 15 1-2 hands high;
an 8-year-old horse 16 hands
high; two 9-year-old horses 16
hands high; a 6-year-old horse
17 hands high; a 7-year-old horse
17 hands high; an 8-year-old
mule 15 1-2 hands high; a 9-year-
old mule 15 1-2 hands high; a seven-
month-old filley. Also three
farm wagons, bunks, chains, com-
plete; 10 head of stockhogs, two
cultivators, mower, sulky plow,
14-in. two breaking plows, 3 sets
chains, gears, 75 bushels corn, etc.
Terms—\$5 and under, cash;
over \$5 a credit of 9 months will
be given, purchaser giving note
with approved security.
J. Frank Grant.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Last Sunday Miss Susanna
Schoen, gave a party and the
following young folks were pre-
sent: Miss Mary Weetrich, Sybille
Diebold, Theresa Gangle, Olivia
Glasetter, Lizzie and Loretta
Bertrand, Anton Mederhoff Jr.,
Mike Dinnberger, Jr. Joe Dannen-
mueller, Andy Welter.

Wednesday night of last week
Cale Lancaster of Morley and Bud
Johnson, of Benton, hitched their
rig in front of Stike's thirt par-
lor and went in to "take one."
When they came out some time
later the horse and buggy was
gone and had not been heard of
up to Saturday night.

John Klueppel and Miss Martha
Essner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Andrew Essner of Benton, were
married at the Catholic church
Tuesday. They will make their
home near Lutesville, in Bolling-
county, where Mr. Klueppel has
bought a farm.

Albert Vetter, who visited his
uncle, August Schlitt, at Bell City,
returned Sunday accompanied by
Mr. Schlitt. Mr. Schlitt is a for-
mer resident of our community
and we are glad to see him back
among us.

The last ball until after Easter
will take place at Stike's hall on
Monday evening, February 19. If
the weather is bad, then the ball
will be held on the following eve-
ning. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwartz
of Kelso visited us Sunday, and
Theo. Goetz visited his sister,
Mrs. Wm. Lehn, near Kelso.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goetz were
also there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Scherer
celebrated their 35th wedding
anniversary Wednesday of last
week by treating their friends
to lunch. Both are in good
health.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bollinger
of near Morley visited her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hahn, at
Schererville, Friday. They passed
thru here Saturday on their way
home.

A daughter was born to Mr.
and Mrs. Joe Hoefler of Stump-
ton, Saturday and was Chris-
tened Alma Thea, Mr. and Mrs.
Chas. Diebold stood sponsors.

Sol Schoen, who is employed
near Blodgett, came home Sunday
to see the home folks, accompa-
nied by Andy Welter.

Louis Hahn and Lawrence Reig-
ert went to Chaffee Monday, re-
turning Tuesday evening via
Cape and Benton.

Wm. Halter, the Oran butcher,
who has been quite sick, was at
home here the past week under
the care of mamma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gosche and
daughters, Miss Bertha and Clara
visited at Charley Dumeys Sun-
day.

John Bischoff and Miss Mary
Schlosser visited the family of
Warren Hooker at Cary Saturday.

Mrs. Jacob Kelsur and daugh-
ter, Mrs. Tucker, of Sals Creek,
attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stike have
moved into their new home, which
is one of the neatest in town.

The farmers met at Schererville
Sunday to talk telephone, but did
not learn what was done.

Johnnie Essner, of Texas, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Essner, near
Benton, is up on a visit.

Grandma Kilhoffer is sick at
the home of her daughter, Mrs.
Louis Weetrich.

Mrs. Frank Legrand visited the
family of John Kilhoffer Sun-
day.

Martin Glasterter and Leo
Glaus were at Chaffee last week.
Lawrence Bucher had lightning
rods put on his house and barns.

Miss Hettie Oregon and little
sister visited at Oran Saturday.

A child was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Aug. Voelvert last week.
There was a dance at Mrs. Geo.
Hearing's Saturday night.

The choir will have a progres-
sive euchre party Sunday.

Wheat looks very bad.

FROM ORAN.
O. C. Whitener of Fredericksburg,
Va., was here buying
wheat from our farmers. It is
safe to say that wheat prices in
the local market will be fair until
the interloper is run out.

John Blattel and son Leo, of
New Hamburg, were here Sat-
urday—Leo having some dental
work done.

Joe Himmlbach, who works at
the Chaffee round-house took a
lay-off and is visiting us.

Joe Pfefferkorn, John Dinnber-
ger and other farmers are ship-
ping their wheat.

Louis Pfefferkorn, R. P. Harris
and Andy Amrhein were at Ben-
ton Monday.

Dr. Haw and W. H. Heisserer of
Benton were here Saturday.

Mike Witt of Chaffee was here
Monday.

FROM CHAFFEE.
The Misses Iona Blocker and
Hattie Slinkard visited Miss Vic-
toria Hughes Sunday.

Wendoline Kilhoffer and Louis
Legrand attended the wedding
at Kelso.

Albert Miller, of Arkansas will
make his home with his brother,
Frank.

Leo Pfefferkorn of Oran spent
Sunday with his brother Wm.
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hearing
visited at Bleda Sunday.

Mike Witt is at Oran with his
brother Ben for a week.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
Tutor last week.
Will Pfefferkorn was at Kelso
Sunday.

Pre-Emptory Bankrupt Sale!

Of the J. Banks Stock At ORAN, Mo. Starting Saturday Morning, Feb. 17,

Promptly at 8 o'clock a. m. The public is already aware that the Creditors of
Mr. J. Banks forced him into bankruptcy. The Referee in Bankruptcy, Alex-
ander Ross, of the United States Court, Southeastern District of Missouri, or-
dered these Stocks of Merchandise—there being in all

3 Well-Stocked Stores 3

Respectively at Oran, Sikeston and Essex, Mo., to be disposed of in the shortest
time possible for the benefit of creditors. The trustee for the creditors, L. E.
Denison, has consolidated the three stocks at Oran and will give the good people
of Scott and adjoining counties such a feast of bargains as they will not have
the opportunity of witnessing again. We are not going to deliver you a long
sermon, but a few cold facts in a nut-shell will tell the tale. From now on we
propose to make short shift and

Clean Out the Entire Stock

in short order. We are fully aware that to accomplish this end we must 'show'
you that we mean business. Although the stock has been on sale for a month,
at cut prices, and the public has had the benefit of wonderful bargains, yet this
has made but little impression on the various lines. In short, there are thous-
ands upon thousands of dollars of clean, up-to-date merchandise, consisting of

**Dry Goods, Clothing, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Shoes,
Hats, Trunks, Sewing Machines, Hardware, Queensware,
Stoves, Harness, Furniture, Wagons, Buggies, Nails,**

Fence Wire, etc., which have undergone a still more merciless cut and will be
yours for a great deal less than cost of production. Come and satisfy yourself.
It will require but half the usual amount to get what you need during this epoch
making sale. It will pay you well to borrow money and supply your needs for
some time ahead. Your money will positively have double the ordinary purchas-
ing power. Remember, this is the Creditors' and Mr. Banks' loss and your
gain. You will never again have the opportunity of reaping such a harvest.
Will you grasp this chance? Get one of the large bills that are being scattered.

NOTICE—This Great Store will be
closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
in order to mark down and arrange this
immense stock. Remember date of sale—
starts Saturday, Feb. 17, at 8 a. m. and
continues until the goods are sold.

**Look for the BIG
SIGNS in Front of
Building.**

NOTICE—Merchants wishing to Reap
the Benefit, we are in position to save you
nice money on Large or Small quantities—
much cheaper than you can secure from
your jobber or manufacturer. Don't com-
pare this sale with other sales.

L. E. DENISON, TRUSTEE, ORAN.

FROM FORTNELL

This is 1912 and every day
brings us nearer the election.
Are the Comrades doing all they
can to push old Scott county over
into the Socialist ranks next
fall? The old party politicians
are all very busy just now! And
of course we must, if we want
the PEOPLE to rule, get out and
hustle for Socialism. So lets get
busy!

Atty. James A. Finch of this
place has been chosen temporary-
ly as Probate Judge of Scott
county by Gov. Hadley, to fill the
vacancy caused by the absence
of Mr. Kingsbury.

Mary, the 5-year-old daughter
of Lawrence Mirgaur, died last
Friday morning of pernicious ma-
laria. She was buried at Kelso
the following day.

Joe Jones, who has been living
in Texas for some time has come
back here again. He has a job
as boiler maker for the R. R. Co.
Thursday of last week, Henry
Pfeiffer, a good citizen of near
Kelso, died, and was buried in the
Weissmueller cemetery.

A crowd of young people gave
Adolph Hillemann a surprise party
in honor of his Birthday.
All had a good time.

The German American Concert
band of Fortnelt had their treas-
ure's books audited. They were
found O. K.

One day last week Pearl
Daugherty cut his ankle very se-
verely with an ax.

Miss Nellie Robinson spent Sat-
urday at Cape Girardeau.

FROM CROSS PLAINS
Miss Mary Caraker died at the
home of her parents, on the Tom
Adams farm near what is known
as the old county farm switch,
on February 7. She leaves a hus-
band and a 5-months-old baby.

If any one has lost a fine con-
dog they had better see Jim Car-
aker for there is one at his house
—white and black spotted.

Curtis McLaughlin who has
been visiting at Cross Plains, re-
turned to his home near Neelys
Landing, Mo.

Mayme Humphrey and Ruby
Morton visited at the Cape Sat-
urday and Sunday.

Mrs. Seth Rapp's mother, Mrs.
Sanders of Benton Ill., is visit-
ing here this week.

Jim Caraker's family have the
infant of Frank Caraker's to keep
for a while.

Rosa Kirkpatrick's sister is vis-
iting at Cross Plains this week.
Mary Baty has been very sick.

FROM KELSO

A boy born to Mr. and Mrs.
Adam Schaefer was baptised Sun-
day. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaefer
stood sponsors. On the same
day a child born to Mr. and Mrs.
D. Georger was baptised. Mr.
and Mrs. Robert Georger stood
sponsors.

Ernest Ross spent a few days
of last week at Whitewater.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. A. Chatti-
man visited her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Donat Scherer.

Mrs. E. Andrew and children
are with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Isaac Rosa.

The wedding at Kelso Tuesday
was well attended and all enjoyed
it.

Mrs. August Lux and daughter,
Miss Alvina, and Mrs. Geo. Glueck
helped Mrs. L. Heisserer quilt
last week.

John Rehnagle and Fred Lux
and sister, Miss Alvina, spent Sat-
urday with the family of John
Seyer, an don Sunday Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Brumke, J. Seyer and
Albert Endeje and sister Miss
Bertha, visited them.

Miss Pauline Walter of near
Blodgett attended church here
Sunday.

FROM MACEDONIA.
Mr. and Mrs. George Buck of
below Commerce, spent Tuesday
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. M. Spradlin.

Mrs. Katie Kern and son Leo
of Kelso spent Sunday with the
family of Ambrose Bles.

Pearl Jones of Commerce spent
Saturday and Sunday at J. M.
Spradlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Edmonds
spent Sunday with the family of
F. M. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hand of
Fornfelt spent Sunday at Henry
Koch's.

The little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Richmond Sanders is very
sick.

Alfred Chatman of Rockview
visited A. Bles Thursday.

Edward Spradlin is visiting in
St. Louis.

Wm. Daugherty is very sick.

FROM ELLIS.
August Schlitt, of Bell City, vis-
ited his old time friends and neigh-
bor, Frank Essner, and his broth-
er-in-law, Andy Schoen. Come
again, Mr. Schlitt, and stay
longer.

While cutting timber Wm. and
Ed. Elfert cut a tree that fell on
and killed a valuable cow belong-
ing to their father.

FROM MORLEY

Mrs. W. H. Black is seriously
ill. Because of her illness the
Ladies Aid Society have post-
poned the oyster supper to February
22. The Morley band will furn-
ish music.

Miss Letha Earles is contem-
plating building a nice house on
her lot. Look out boys, it's keep
your eyes peeled.

If you are looking for a home
come to Morley. We have two
churches, a good school and no
saloon.

Martin Jacobs, the hustling
grocery clerk at Earls' store is
laid up with Lagripp.

The meeting at the Baptist
church is still on.

The saw and shingle mill is run-
ning full time. W. P. Scott the
manager, keeps things moving.

Joe Merritt is spending a few
days at Charter Oak on a hunt.
C. M. Lancaster found his mare
that got away from him at New
Hamburg last week.

Miss Laura Fink of St. Louis is
here visiting her sister, Miss Vis-
let Fink.

Miss Amy Rynum has a posi-
tion at Morehouse as "hello" girl.
Mrs. J. W. Clemson of Oran vis-
ited her sister, Mrs. T. E. Tomlin-
son Monday and Tuesday.

Several Morley boys who are
attending school at the Cape Gir-
ardeau Normal visited homefolks
Sunday and Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Evans, a boy.

Oscar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Bailey, died on the 8th and was
buried in Morley cemetery.

John Johnson has shipped his
household goods to Arkansas
where he intends to make his fu-
ture home.

Mr. Fullenwider, our new lively
man, is proving himself the man
for the place.

Subscribe for the only Kicker.

FROM CROWDER.
M. A. Cooksey and family of An-
sel were here last week. Mr.
Cooksey has bought the Hackett
saw mill at Vanduser and they
will move there soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Page of More-
house and Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Ju-
cobs Sunday at J. W. Carll's.
Herbert Jacobs who is work-
ing at Rice is home for a few
days.